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## 1. PHILIPPINES

NYT REPORTS FIRST OF LONG LIST PROSPECTIVE JURORS QUESTIONE TUES AT START TRIAL OF 2 FILIPINA NURSES ACCUSED OF POISON-ING PATIENTS AT VETERANS HOSPITAL. SENT AS OBSERVER BY GOP, VICE CONSUL LLANETA, OF CHICAGO CONSULATE, SAYS MANILA IS ENCOURAGING CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR DEFENDANTS--BUT THIS IS NOT OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN, SIMPLY INTEREST IN SEEING JUSTICE DONE.

INITIAL REPORTS BY OFFICIAL SOURCES INDICATE PHILS IS HEADED TOWARD ANOTHER RECORD SUGAR PRODUCTION (JOC).

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## 2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

DOS ANNOUNCED TUES THAT EX-SEN MIKE MANSFIELD/REP "SONNY" MONTGOMERY/AMB (RET) CHARLES YOST/DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND MARIAN EDELMAN ADDED TO COMMISSION HEADED BY WOODCOCK THAT WILL VISIT HANOI TO TRY OBTAIN MIA ACCOUNTING. SMALL GOVT STAFF WILL ACCOMPANY, INCL EA/VLC DIRECTOR JAMES ROSENTHAL (AP, NYT; SUN). GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPEARS BALANCED TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE ADMIN ATTACHES TO MISSION. DOS' BROWN EMPHASIZED MISSION CHARGED W/LEARNING

WHAT VN KNOWS OF 2550 MIAS, BUT GROUP WILL SOUND OUT HANOI ON FUTURE RELS IN GENL. US OFFICIALS EXPECT MIA/RECONSTRUCTION AID ISSUES TO FADE AFTER GOOD FAITH GESTURES ON BOTH SIDES. BROWN SAID EXACT DATE/DURATION OF VISIT NOT YET FIXED, NOR CERTAIN YET WHETHER TRIP WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE LAOS (SUN).

ABOUT 1000 KHMER GUERRILLAS MAKE FORAYS INTO CAMBODIA WHILE THAIS GENERALLY "LOOK THE OTHER WAY." MOVEMENT EXISTS LARGELY ON HI HOPES/CONSIDERABLE HARDSHIP/LITTLE OR NO OUTSIDE HELP. GUERRILLAS CONTEND 6 GROUPS OPERATE ALONG BORDER, BUT ALSO BATTLE MALARIA/PROFITEERS; DO NOT SEEM NEARLY AS EFFICIENT/RUTHLESS AS KR. NO SIGNS CIA FINANCES RESISTANCE. REBELS CLAIM KR HAVE BROUGHT US-MADE APCS INTO PAILIN AREA ARE USING CHINESE/NK ADVISORS--BUT THIS NOT CONFIRMED (AP, SUN).

SUN'S ISAACS (BANGKOK) REPORTS WAR'S TRAGEDY GOES ON FOR 80,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND; MOST FACE BLEAK FUTURE, SINCE FEW CAN BE EXPECTED EMIGRATE, WHILE THAILAND REFUSES ALLOW SETTLE PERMANENTLY. REVIEWS REFUGEE PROGRAM; OFFICIALS SAY PRIVATELY ABSORPTION IN THAILAND MAY BE INEVITABLE. MORITZ (CSM), IN S THAILAND, RECOUNTS PLIGHT/GROWING PROBLEM VIET BOAT PEOPLE. MENTIONS UNHCR ROLE/POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

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GULF & WESTERN UNIT ACCEPTS RTG TERMS FOR 90-MILLION-DOL ZINC MINE/REFINERY. IF PROJECT GOES AHEAD, WILL BOOST THAILAND'S ATTEMPTS ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT (WAIN, WSJ).

## 3. JAPAN

WP'S SAAR (KUSHIRO) REPORTS ON MOSCOW'S LAST-MINUTE "REPRIEVE" ON 200-MI ZONE FOR JAPANESE FISHERMAN IN SOV WATERS. KUSHIRO LEADERS FEAR DISPUTE OVER 4 SOVIET-OCCUPIED ISLANDS OFF HOKKAIDO, AROUND WHICH USSR HAS DECLARED LIMIT, MAY FORCE RENUNCIATION JAPAN'S CLAIM/DELAY IN NEW FISHERY AGREEMENT. SAAR SAYS KUSHIRO RESIDENTS OFTEN SAY US TO BLAME FOR SETTING TREND W/UNILATERAL 200-MI ZONE DECLARATION.

WSTAR (3/1) CARRIES AP FOTO USCG CUTTER ALONGSIDE JAPANESE VESSEL "TOMI MARU NO. 88" IN ALASKAN GULF. CG BOARDED JAPANESE SHIP LOOKING FOR VIOLATIONS FISHING LAWS UNDER TREATIES ALREADY IN EFFECT.

JAPAN'S TOTAL COLOR TV EXPORTS IN JAN DOWN 50 PCT FROM DEC; EXPORTS TO US DOWN 46 PCT (WSJ).
THREE-MEMBER TEAM JAPAN'S CIVIL AVIATION INDUSTRY LEFT

TOKYO FOR WASHINGTON MONDAY TO CONDUCT SURVEY ON FUTURE US MARKET FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. JAPANESE HOPE THAT, IN COOPERATION WITH BOEING/AERITALIA, JAPAN WOULD BE IN POSITION MFR AIRCRAFT CAPABLE OF MEETING INTL REQUIRMENTS IN FUTURE YRS. SIMILAR JAPANESE TEAM ALREADY IN EUR (CULLISON, JOC).

MOF REPORTS JAPANESE FOREX RESERVES ROSE TO HIGHEST LEVEL IN ALMOST 4 YRS LAST MO. RISE ATTRIBUTED TO HEAVY CENTRAL BANK SUPPORT OPNS FOR US DOL (AFP, NYT).

JAPAN HAD 846-MIL-DOL REVISED OVERALL BOP DEFICIT IN JAN, LINCLASSIFIED

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COMPARED TO 464-MIL-DOL SURPLUS IN DEC (REUTER TOKYO 3/1).

KAWASAKI/FRG'S MESSERSCHMITT JOINTLY TO DEVELOP/PRODUCE NEW MULTI-PURPOSE 8-PERSON HELICOPTER. COPTERS ADAPTABLE FOR MIL PURPOSES/SCHEDULED FOR 1ST FLIGHTS MID-1979 (JOC).

## 4. KOREA

SK DETAINS 13 CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN SEOUL/12 OTHER CITIES IN CRACK8OWN ON DEMONSTRATIONS MARKING 58TH UPRISING AGAINST JAPANESE COLONIAL RULE. POLICE/CIA UNITS PLACED ON FULL ALERT/PREVENTED ANY GATHERINGS THAT MIGHT BE USED PROTEST PARK REGIME (WP).

UPI'S DANILOFF REPORTS REP FRASER HAS BEEN INFORMED BY OFFICIAL THAT US WILL RAISE SUBJECT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE IN SK "IN A FORCEFUL MANNER." FRASER SAYS PRES HAS ALREADY INDICATED US MIGHT WITHDRAW US TROOPS, "AND THIS IS A FURTHER SIGNAL." SAID VANCE'S STATEMENT ON HILL LAST WEEK--PLEDGING CONTINUED MIL AID TO SK, BUT SAYING US AID WILL BE LINKED IN SOME DEGREE TO RECIPIENT NATIONS' HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD--"BALANCES NICELY" ADMIN'S EARLY ACTIONS IN SPEAKING OUT ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN USSR/E EUR. CONTINUED THAT CONSISTENT PURSUIT HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIRES RAISING ISSUE W/LARGER NUMBER COUNTRIES, BUT ADDED HE DIDN'T THINK IT "NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE" DO IT ALL PUBLICLY.

LEADER SK'S OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY SAID IN TOKYO MONDAY THAT US SHOULD STOP "COLD, OPEN CRITICISM" SK. TALKING W/REPORTERS, LEE CHUL SEUNG SAID HE INTENDS TELL US LEADERS WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON THAT US COULD ACCOMPLISH MORE THRU "QUIET DISCUSSIONS AND FRIENDLY PERSUASION." LEE ALSO STATED STRONG OPPOSITION TO US TROOP WITHDRAWAL, SAID SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE FOR AT LEAST 5 YRS "AT THE EARLIEST" (LAT'S JAMESON 3/1).

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ACCORDING AMERICAN UNIV OFFICIALS/INFORMED KOREANS, ROKG TRIED SET UP LISTENING/LOBBYING POST AT AMERICAN U LAST YR THRU UNIV TRUSTEE HANCHO C. KIM. KIM HAD OFFERED LARGE SUM MONEY FINANCE VAGUELY DEFINED INTL STUDIES PROGRAM WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN SEOUL OPPORTUNITY SEND SCHOLARS/OTHERS UNDER ACADEMIC COVER TO MAKE CONTACT; W/ADMIN OFFICIALS/CONGRESSMEN/ACADEMICIANS. UNIV OFFICIAL SAID UNIV PROCEEDED CAUTIOUSLY DUE TALK KOREAN LOBBY IN CONGRESS; OFFER EVENUTALLY TURNED DOWN. KIM DECLINES COMMENT (NYT'S HALLORAN).

UN UMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 3/1 TOOK UP IN SECRET ALLEGATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SK/EQUATORIAL GUINEA/ CHILE. NO FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATIVE ACTION TAKEN ON ANY CASE (WP).

EUROCURRENCY LOAN TOTALING 132.9 MIL DOLS FOR KOREA ELECTRIC HAS BEEN SIGNED IN LONDON AS 1ST PART 500-MIL-DOL FON CURRENCY LOAN PKG FOR SK'S 3RD NUKE POWER PLANT (JOC).

## 5. MALAYSIA

AFTER MTG IN LA PAZ LAST WK, GOM'S PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM SAID BOLIVIA MODERATING STAND ON TIN PRICES/HAS AGREED RATIFY INTL TIN AGREEMENT IF INTL TIN COUNCIL ACCEPTS "PERIODIC REVIEW," "SYSTEMATIC APPROACH" TO TIN PRICING. MUSA ALSO CALLED ON US RELEASE UNSTATED AMT STOCKPILED TIN TO RELIEVE SOME UPWARD PRESSURE ON PRICES (WSJ).

## 6. AUSTRALIA

NATL ASSN WHEAT GROWERS PRES HOWE TOLD HOUSE AGRIC CMTE HE HAS REASON BELIEVE AUSTRALIA WOULD BE WILLING PARTICIPATE IN INTL WHEAT PRICING AGREEMENT. HOWE SAID HAD BEEN URGING BERGLAND WORK OUT SUCH AGREEMENT W/AUSTRALIANS, UNCLASSIFIED

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CANADIANS SINCE BEFORE APPT AGRIC SEC (JOC).

## 7. 200-MILE LIMIT

CONGRESS ADOPTS/SENDS PRES SERIES AGREEMENTS TO ALLOW JAPAN/SPAIN/SK/EEC RESUME COMML FISHING IN US WATERS (AP, NYT; WP). NO MAJOR INCIDENTS OCCUR AS US EXTENDS LIMIT; FOREIGN FLEETS APPEAR RESPECTING NEW FISHING ZONE (KIFNER, NYT). NEW ENGLAND FISHING INDUSTRY OPTIMISTICRENEW LIMIT (BOTWRIGHT/KENNEY, GLOBE).

## 8. GENERAL

NYT (3/1) DOES ARTICLE ON ASIAN ORPHANS ADOPTED BY US PARENTS. MENTIONS PEARL BUCK FNDTN'S SPONSORSHIP 5,000 CHILDREN FROM KOREA/OKINAWA/TAIWAN/THAILAND/PHILS SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1964. MOST RECENT INFLUX HAS BEEN SOME 2,000 VN ORPHANS IN '75. REST OF ARTICLE FOCUSES ON CULTURAL ADAPTATION PROBLEMS KOREAN ORPHANS.

#### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

## 9. CHINA

WSTAR'S BRADSHER, IN 3/1 ARTICLE KEYED TO EARLIER KRAFT STORY ON ALLEGED US-PRC "SECRET AGREEMENTS," CITES WIN LORD'S COMMENT "TODAY" SHOW (2/28) THAT SHANGHAI COMMUNI-QUE ENVISIONS US CUTTING OF TAIWAN TIES SOON AS MODALITIES WORKED OUT. CITES (UNNAMED) AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE AS DENYING HUANG CHEN QUERIED PRES OR THAT PREVIOUS ADMIN WITHHOLDING INFORMATION. OTHER BRADSHER SOURCES SUGGEST PRC MAY HAVE (WRONGLY) INTERPRETED VAGUE HAK COMMENTS TO CHOU AS PROMISES.

SUN'S WU (HK) SAYS PRC ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT ON TAIWAN AT THIS YEAR'S CEREMONIES MARKING 30TH ANNIVERSARY TAI-UNCLASSIFIED

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WANESE 2/28 UPRISING "MOST DEFINITIVE" IN RECENT YEARS, REAFFIRMS CONTINUITY MAO/CHOU APPROACH BY NEW LEADERSHIP, AND SIGNALS REVITALIZED DRIVE FOR PREFERABLY PEACEFUL SOLUTION. WU NOTES LIAO SPEECH FOCUSED ON WHAT PRC CONSIDERS DOMESTIC ASPECT OF ISSUE ONLY.

IN HK, NYT'S BUTTERFIELD NOTES VISIT OF "DANE", FIRST WESTERN CRUISE LINER TO DOCK AT PRC PORT SINCE '49. SAYS OTHER WESTERN CRUISE SHIPS HAVE SIMILAR TRIPS SCHEDULED. SUGGESTS CHANGED TOURISM POLICY REFLECTS PRC INTEREST IN INCREASING FOREIGN EXCHANGE INORDER PAY FOR EXPANDED IMPORTS MACHINERY/TECHNOLOGY, AND POST-MAO ERA RELAXATION POLITICAL TENSION. NO PASSENGERS REFUSED ENTRY BUT PRC ADVISED LINES CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE (INCLUDING JOURNALISTS, RESIDENTS OF ISRAEL, S. AFRICA AND PORTUGAL) NOT ACCEPTABLE.

IN HK, LINDA MATHEWS (WSJ) HAS FEATURE ON "ROCKEFELLER OF ASIA"/HK--"TAIPAN" SIR LAWRENCE KADOORIE--AND HIS HK-BASED BUSINESS INTERESTS.

## 10. KOREA

WP SEES CLOUD OVER US-SK RELS UNTIL QUESTION ANSWERED RE ROKG EFFORTS BUY INFLUENCE IN CONGRESS. BELIEVES VITAL EXEC/LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES USG MUST MOVE QUICKLY TO DEAL

W/ALLEGATIONS, GET AT ALL PERTINENT FACTS. SAYS WOULD BE MISTAKE FOR DOJ CUT SHORT INVESTIGATION/ SPARE FELLOW DEMS, AS SOME CHARGE IT INTENDS DO. ADDS IMPORTANT KEEP IN MIND DOJ LOOKS FOR VIOLATIONS CRIMINAL LAW, NOT JUST INSTANCES MISCONDUCT. THINKS FORTUNATE CONGRESS NOW SEEMS INCLINED ACT THRU ETHICS CMTE; REP FRASER'S INTL RELS SUBCMTE SEEKS FUNDS FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY CONDUCT RECENT US-SK RELS, INCL WHETHER DOS/CIA LEARNED OF ALLEGATIONS RE MIL CONTRACTBUSINESS CORRUPTION/KCIA MISDEEDS IN US.

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SEIDEN (SUN) SAYS CARTER ADIM/CONGRESS/US PRESS SHATTER SK'S TRANQUILITY, WHERE EVERYONE WAITS FOR NEXT BLOW TO FALL. THIS EXPECTED BE MESSAGE FROM PRES CARTER CLARIFY-ING TIMING/SCALE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS. RECENT US AID CUTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES OVER HUMAN RTS ISSUE AROUSE FEAR THAT TROOP WITHDRAWAL THREAT MAY BE LINKED W/US PRESSURE TO EASE GOVT BAN ON POL DISSENT, DESPITE VANCE'S STATEMENT THAT US WILL STAND BY SECURITY COMMITMENTS TO SK. NOTES SEOUL FINDS PRES' "MORAL DIPLOMACY" NAIVE/DANGEROUS. TO ILLUSTRATE CHILL IN RELS, ADDS THAT SK OFFICIAL WARNED US REPORTER NOT BELIEVE "ONE-SIDED" BRIEFINGS FROM AMEMB.

COHEN (NYT) BELIEVES TOO EARLY SAY IF PRES PARK CAN BE RELIEVED OVER VANCE'S STATEMENT THAT ADMIN WILL NOT CUT ECON/MIL AID. SAYS PARK HAS ONLY SELF TO BLAME FOR SITU-ATION. OPINES FOREIGN AID IS ONLY 1 OF MANY INSTRUMENTS FOR EXPRESSING PRINCIPLES OF ADMIN DETERMINED PROMOTE HU-MAN RTS. THINKS MESSAGE RE CONCERN FROM PRES CARTER WILL REACH PEOPLE/RULERS IN SK DESPITE CENSORSHIP: STATES SYM-BOLIC ACTS BY PRES AS POTENT IN SEOUL AS IN MOSCOW. ADVO-CATES SYMPATHETIC LTR FROM CARTER TO KIM DAE JUNG, REFER-ENCE BY CARTER TO KIM CHI HA, DELAY SENDING NEW AMB IF SK SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS IMPRISONMENT "MARCH 1 GROUP." ALSO RECOMMENDS START PRIVATE/OFFICIAL CONTACTS W/NK, ADMIN STUDY OF CUTS TO MAKE IN ECON/ARMS AID TO SK, OTHER MEA-SURES TO MAKE CLEAR TO SEOUL THAT US CONCERNED OVER LACK PROGRESS ON HUMAN RTS. COMMENTS IF THESE FAIL, NEXT YR CAN CUT AID.

## 11. 200-MI LIMIT

GLOBE (3/1) SEES US FISHERMEN/CONSUMERS GETTING BREAK W/NEW LIMIT. SAYS STIFFEST OPPONENT WAS DOS WHICH RECOMMENDED WAITING UNTIL LOS TREATY PASSED. NOTES OTHER NATIONS CAN FISH WITHIN LIMIT, BUT ONLY ON US TERMS.

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SMITH (GLOBE) FLIES W/USCG TO ENFORCE NEW LIMIT, FINDS FOREIGN VESSELS COOPERATIVE. ANGLIN (GLOBE) DESCRIBES CUTTERS THAT ENFORCE LAW; NOTES JAPANESE TRAWLER TOLD MOVE TO AVOID CONFLICT W/NEW LAW.

## 12. HUMAN RIGHTS

LAT APPLAUDS MOVES MADE BY ADMIN ON HUMAN RTS ISSUE, INCL VANCE'S ANNOUNCEMENT AID CUTBACKS TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES. NOTES LIMITS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE AS IN PHILS/SK WHERE US SECURITY GOALS PRECLUDE AID CUTOFFS, SO UNDERSTANDS VANCE'S SELECTIVE APPROACH. BUT SAYS US HAS OBLIGATION CONTINUE SPEAKING OUT REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND RELATIONSHIP COUNTRY HAS W/US.

U VA PROF JOHNSTON WRITES TO WP POINT OUT CONTRADICTIONS IN ADMIN'S FOPOLICY RE ARMS CONTROL/OTHER AREAS CONCERN LIKE HUMAN RTS. CALLS LACK PRIORITY BETW AREAS TROUBLE-SOME, SINCE HAVE COMMON INTEREST W/USSR OVER REDUCTION DANGERS NUKE WAR, BUT DEEP CONFLICT OVER HUMAN RTS. REVIEWS HAK APPROACH TO USSR, INCL SUBORDINATION HUMAN RTS ISSUE. MENTIONS COMPLICATIONS. CONCLUDES CRITICAL IMPORTANCE ADMIN TO ORDER PRIORITIES BEFORE CIRCUMSTANCES FORCE CHOICE ON IT.

## 13. GENERAL

ROWAN (WSTAR 3/1) REVIEWS PROS/CONS ON QUESTION IMPOSITION QUOTAS ON FOOTWEAR IMPORTS. CONCLUDES ISSUE IS SORT SOLOMON WOULD NOT WANT FACE, BUT PRES MUST MAKE DECISION BEFORE APR 9. HEAD AMERICAN FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES ASSN'S NATL AFFAIRS CMTE WRITES TO NYT RE FEB 11 EDITORIAL ON FOOTWEAR IMPORTS. REVIEWS SITUATION; CRITICIZES NYT APPROACH TO PROBLEM; GIVES CASE FOR "IMPORT RELIEF." VANCE

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